



**STARTING HIS BIG DAY:** Vice president-designate Gerald R. Ford of Michigan leaves his home near Washington this morning. Ford is expected to be sworn in as vice president of the United States later today. State Sen. Charles O. Zollar, R-Benton Harbor, was one of two state senators invited by Ford as personal guest at swearing-in ceremony tonight. See additional articles on page 41. (AP Wirephoto)

## Taylor Resigns After 5 Years As Prosecutor

*Berrien Official Awaiting Appointment  
To Unspecified 'Higher Office'*

By BRANDON BROWN  
Staff Writer

Berrien Prosecutor Ronald J. Taylor, 37, today announced his resignation effective Jan. 15 to resume private law practice, return to a normal home life, and hold himself open for appointment to a "higher office."

He declined to specify what office but said it's prosecutorial at a higher level of government, the announcement would come perhaps in two weeks, and that it would permit him to continue private law practice in St. Joseph.

Taylor's resignation from his second term as county prosecutor is effective Jan. 15 or as soon thereafter as his successor is acclimated in office. The successor is named by the county's circuit judges and Taylor said he would announce his recommendation for successor later.

"I think there comes a time when there have to be changes made and people have to move on to other things," he said at a press conference in the prosecutor's office in St. Joseph this morning.

"I've thought a lot about this a long time. I'm not making this decision with a total lack of emotion."

Taylor recounted his five years on the job, advances to what he called a "professional" prosecutor's office under his tutelage, and the cost to him in terms of lost home life and lack of private practice.

"This is a 24-hour-a-day job," he said, robbing him of time with his wife, Nancy, and sons Robbie, 9, and David, 8. They live at Higman Park north of Benton Harbor.

Resignation allows him to return to the firm of Taylor, Taylor and Yampolsky in the Law and Title building, St. Joseph. Taylor is a partner with his father, Russell, and Robert Yampolsky. Jack Struwin is an associate.

Taylor practiced with the firm from 1962 through 1968 but has been inactive the past five years.

His salary as prosecutor is \$24,000 annually and his present term expires the end of 1976. His successor would be eligible to run for re-election.

Taylor, a Republican, added: "I have no plans at this time to seek any political office."

He said he thought over a year on his decision today, a decision dictated by family life and professional career.

"I think I've put in my time, so to speak."

Taylor has spent 9 years in public life, the past five as

prosecutor and four years previously as two-term Benton township clerk.

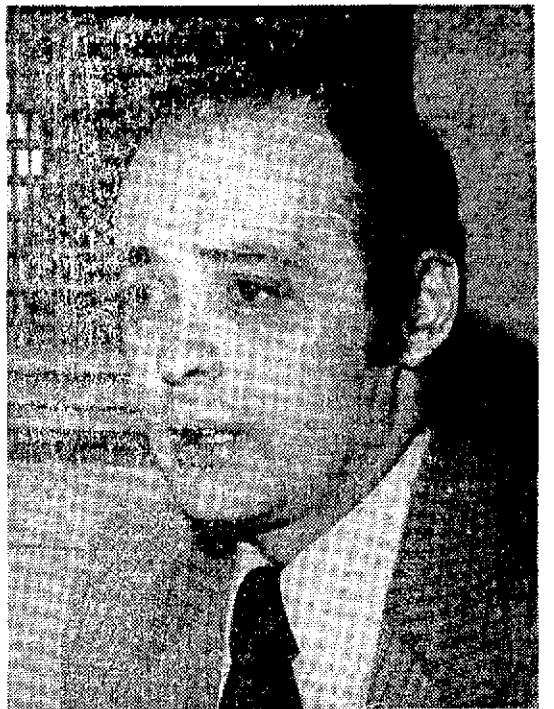
Members of the Berrien county judiciary and Berrien county commissioners already have been told of his decision, Taylor said.

He offered to help ease the

new prosecutor into the job and continue to assist him in whatever manner the new man chooses.

He thanked his staff, the judiciary and county commissioners for their cooperation Taylor said.

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**PROSECUTOR RESIGNING:** Berrien Prosecutor Ronald J. Taylor tells newsmen today he is resigning effective Jan. 15 to resume private practice and become available for possible appointment to "higher office." (Staff photo)

## Trucks Roll When Guardsmen Arrive

By WILLIAM KRONHOLM  
Associated Press Writer

Protesting truckers on the Ohio Turnpike ended their 24-hour blockade of the highway early today as tieups continued on two other major roadways in the state.

The massive rigs began rolling shortly before highway patrolmen accompanied by National Guard tow trucks assembled near the traffic jam, apparently ready to force movement by the 1,400 trucks.

Sections of Ohio's other major east-west highway, Interstate

70, and the north-south Interstate 75, remained clogged, however.

About 200 trucks were reported blocking I-75 near the turnpike at Toledo. I-70 was blocked for about 10 miles near Columbus.

At daybreak, truckers also blocked U.S. 20 in the Elyria area, and U.S. 250 was closed near Ashland, the highway patrol said.

On the turnpike, Walt Lowery, a trucker who met Wednesday night with representatives of the Transportation Department, said the drivers felt they had dramatized their complaints about higher fuel prices and lower speed limits. He said the truckers would wait 10 days to see what action was taken on their complaints in Washington.

Another turnpike driver, who identified himself by the code name "Joker," said the drivers had decided to remove their rigs before patrolmen arrived. "We've had it closed long enough," he said.

In Columbus, Gov. John Gilligan assembled his staff for an early morning meeting on the situation. He had threatened legal action if the truck blocks remained in place.

Federal and state officials tried with little success

throughout Wednesday to persuade, mollify or threaten the drivers in order to clear the highways.

State feeder roads into I-70 east of Columbus, which also had been blocked by the truckers, were cleared Wednesday night after state officials threatened to arrest any driver who refused to move his truck.

Most drivers left the 15 blocked access intersections

voluntarily. Six didn't, and they were arrested by riot-equipped Ohio highway patrolmen accompanied by National Guard crews on tow trucks.

In Michigan, police arrested one driver as they cleared blockades early today from Interstate 94 west of Detroit and Interstate 75 north of Detroit. Police at Taylor, Mich., said 20

(See back page, sec. 1, col. 1)

### Held For Arson

## Cass Housewife Is Arrested In \$300,000 Blaze

CASSOPOLIS — A 28-year-old housewife has been charged with arson in connection with the Nov. 6 fire here that caused an estimated \$300,000 damages in destroying four downtown businesses and damaging six others.

Mrs. John (Mary) Hart, of 205 East Jefferson, was arraigned in Fourth District court yesterday on a charge of arson of John's bar. A preliminary examination has been set for next Tuesday, Dec. 11, and bond was set at \$10,000.

A spokesman for Cassopolis city police Chief Ralph MacNeal said Mrs. Hart was arrested Dec. 2 in connection with seven minor fires within a four-day period at her apartment house home.

She lived at the Jefferson street apartment with her husband John, 35, and two small children, according to Cassopolis police. It was during questioning of the fires at her home that police charged Mrs. Hart with the downtown Cassopolis blaze, the Cassopolis police spokesman said.

That fire was believed to have started in John's bar and spread to other businesses.

The spokesman said Mrs. Hart has signed a statement in connection with the Cassopolis fire.

She is to be questioned today by a state fire marshal from the state police post in Paw Paw, Cassopolis police said.

Investigation of the Cassopolis fire was conducted jointly by Cassopolis police and the Cass county sheriff's department.

### Arrested In Raid

## Accused Heroin Dealer On Drug Center Board

By SCOTT WILLIAMSON  
Staff Writer

A man arrested last Friday by agents of the Berrien Metro narcotics squad is a member of the board of directors for the Berrien county drug treatment center, the center's director said.

James Carroll, director of the center, said Willis Jones, 31, of 215 Concord, Benton township, is a voting member on the board.

Jones was arrested in a drug raid last Friday and was charged with delivery of

heroin. He is currently lodged in the county jail after failing to post bail of \$15,000.

Carroll said Jones is a client-representative of the chemotherapy program administered by the center. The chemotherapy, or Stoplight, program, is aimed at helping heroin addicts break their habit.

He said Jones was a "client" of the program, and was elected to the board by other clients.

Carroll stated the directors will meet next Wednesday and "have some very serious discussion" about the matter.



WILLIS JONES  
Arrested

## Oil Crisis Helps Boost American Dollar Overseas

LONDON (AP) — And now for some good news about oil — for Americans anyway.

The latest supply cuts and price increase by Arab oil producers have helped put the U.S. dollar on the threshold of a spectacular recovery overseas.

Many bankers and officials in Europe now expect the dollar to be among the strongest currencies in the world in 1974. There is talk in London's financial community that the twice-devalued dollar may have to be revalued upward next year.

The Arab oil squeeze may be designed primarily to pressure the United States. But it could actually help the American economy in two important ways, one short term and the other long term.

Short-term benefits are

already apparent. The floating dollar, which had fallen in value by more than 15 per cent in Europe since last February's devaluation, has now regained most of that ground.

Foreign exchange dealers here say one important reason behind the recovery is the oil squeeze. The United States depends on the Middle East for less than 10 per cent of its oil. Europe and Japan rely on the area for some 80 per cent of theirs.

Since Europe and Japan are the primary competitors for U.S. goods in overseas markets, the oil squeeze favors Americans in two ways — supply and price. There will be fewer cutbacks in U.S. production and smaller rises in U.S. prices because of the oil crisis.

Both factors should help the dollar in Europe and Japan.

Longer term benefits to the U.S. economy are perhaps more important. As a result of both the Arab cuts in oil supplies and the rises in price, alternate sources of energy are now competitive for the first time.

Experts here say it now costs about the same to develop oil from shale or tar sands as it does to import oil from the Middle East. They estimate it will cost only slightly more to make synthetic oil from coal.

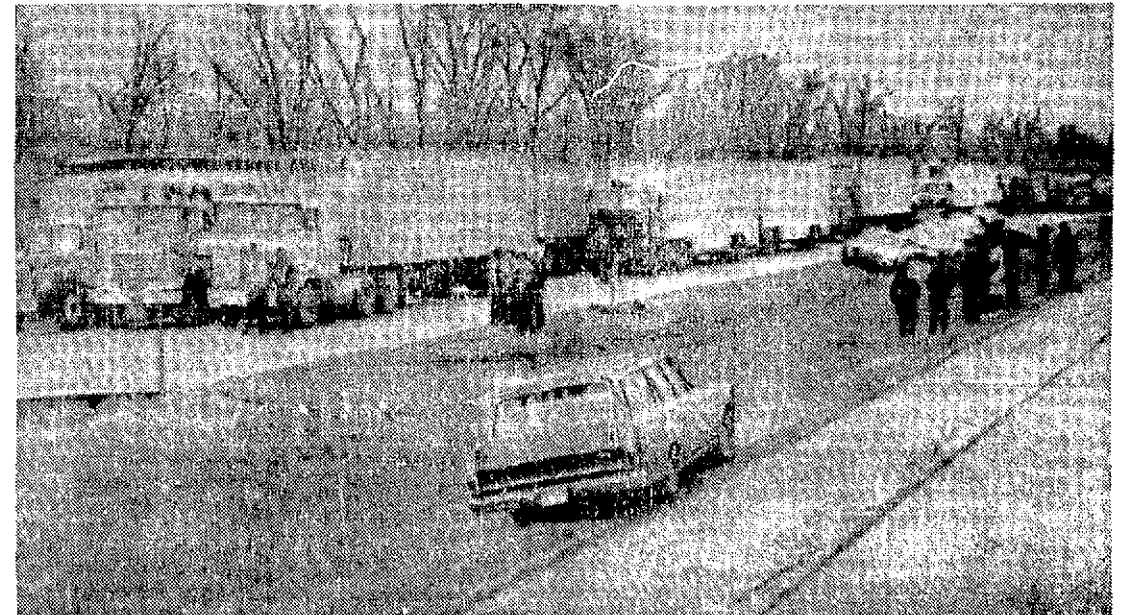
These are long term projects of little immediate help in the present oil crisis. It could take five years or more to develop such alternate sources of energy, and then only with the kind of huge industrial and governmental commitments

that went into making the atom bomb or putting a man on the moon.

But work is already under way. Government officials in Europe concede that the United States is way ahead in the field. Eventually the vast U.S. coal and shale oil reserves could make the United States a net exporter of energy supplies, while running U.S. industry more cheaply. Again both factors would help strengthen the dollar.

Until this year, governments could and did argue that oil was relatively cheap. There was little point investing billions of dollars in developing alternate forms of energy. This argument collapsed in October.

At a meeting then in Kuwait, (See back page, sec. 1, col. 4)



**INDIANA TOLL ROAD BLOCKED:** Dozens of trucks parked their trucks on the Indiana Toll Road near South Bend Wednesday, effectively tying up traffic on that arterial east-west highway for two

hours. Indiana State Police cars are parked in the median strip as troopers discuss the situation. (AP Wirephoto)



## THE HERALD-PRESS

## Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher  
Bert Lindenfeld, Managing Editor

# Jerking The Welcome Mat For New Business

Everyone who has looked at Michigan's economic climate or given it a passing thought in recent years agrees the state could stand some new business, upgrade that which it has, and discourage entrepreneurs from jumping across the border to other localities.

There are some hedges to this viewpoint.

A growing sentiment calls for a compromise between economics and ecology. If somebody, for example, wants to locate a papermill next to a streambed, adequate neutralization of waste products from the production process must be provided so as not to contaminate the waters.

A compromise between public and private economics is equally in order. Spotting a plant employing 5,000 persons in a town of 1,500 inhabitants poses some back breaking local taxation capabilities for schools, police and fire requirements, water and sewage needs, and other services.

Though this goal of maximizing the benefits and minimizing the disruptions is reminiscent of having one's cake and eating it, most community planners are coming around to the idea that it is a reasonably attainable condition.

So it was last week when learning that Western Electric Company, the wholly owned supply arm for Ma Bell, wants to locate a major distribution center near Niles the thought occurred that the development would exert an unlifting benefit for an area much wider than our south end neighbor.

The company has optioned a 110-acre farm southwest from the Niles city limits. It would devote 14 of those acres to a 600,000 square foot warehouse and assembly operation, plus its supportive elements such as parking and outdoor storage.

Governor Milliken who was the star attraction at a welcome party at a Niles motel Monday said Western Electric contemplates employing 300 people generating a \$3.6 million annual payroll within the installation to serve the Bell Telephone systems in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin.

He decided against mentioning the terrific intramural battle which took place within Western Electric's upper echelon in selecting the Niles location. Many executives are openly skeptical

over Michigan's business climate.

Also omitted from his comments was the amount of footwork his Office of Economic Development had to execute so some other state would not pinch off this prize package.

What is a blue chip and what place it should hold at the table are matters of debate and while Governor Bill was extolling the virtues of an odorless, noiseless, smokeless plant, some in the audience were making it plain they will fight the installation with all weapons available.

Atty. Donald Ryman, a member and former chairman of the Berrien County Planning Commission, pointed out the rezoning of the land from an agricultural to a light industrial classification conflicts with a Commission recommendation of last June that the change would be an inharmonious land use.

A local group of Bertrand township residents announced it would force a public referendum if the township board grants the zoning change.

Neither opponent is hostile to Western Electric coming in to town, but wants the entry to be in some other part of town.

Ryman pegs the installation as creating an ecological instability.

The local homeowners see the plant as blocking off desirable residential development.

They suggest Western Electric move into an industrial park on Niles' east side. But Western Electric's engineers ruled out the industrial park as lacking the elbow room required by an extensive warehousing operation.

While there are very few proposed zoning changes which are not debatable, whether they are meritorious or meretricious depends on the point of view, namely, who will be disturbed or thinks he will be.

The Western Electric project does not impress us as throwing a cloud upon the Niles area.

Rather it poses a decision for our south end neighbors and in the long run, a perimeter much farther beyond.

Do we move the times and, if possible, stay ahead of them, or do we fence ourselves in?

We hope the Bertrand people will take the first course.

If not, though, we can find room around the Twin Cities for Ma Bell's people.

# Shale Oil Holds Huge Promise For Nation

One of the resources mentioned by President Nixon in his call for a crash program to achieve energy independence by 1980 was the vast oil shale deposits in the western part of the United States.

Estimates of how much oil is locked in the rocks of Colorado, Utah and Wyoming range from three to eight trillion barrels. The Department of the Interior estimates that there are 1.8 trillion barrels of oil in rock that yields at least 15 barrels a ton when the hydrocarbons it contains are heated and converted into crude oil. Another 600 billion barrels may be in richer veins that yield at least 25 barrels a ton.

Speaking on the Mike Douglas show Tuesday of this week, U.S. Senator Henry (Scoop) Jackson of Washington said the oil locked in the rocks of the Rocky Mountains is many times greater than the known liquid oil reserves of the entire world. Jackson

has introduced a \$2 billion-a-year energy research bill which he says should vastly speed the day when the shale oil can be produced economically.

Unlike coal, oil shale yields a "clean" product which would aid in the fight against air pollution. Because of price increases imposed by the oil-producing countries of the Middle East, oil shale products are now becoming competitive with conventional oil products.

Several extraction techniques have been tested, but only one has been announced ready for commercial application — the TOSCO II process developed by The Oil Shale Corporation.

Up to now, the federal government, which owns 80 per cent of the oil shale deposits, has pursued a go-slow policy. But it is now preparing to offer leases on six tracts in the three-state area for oil shale development.

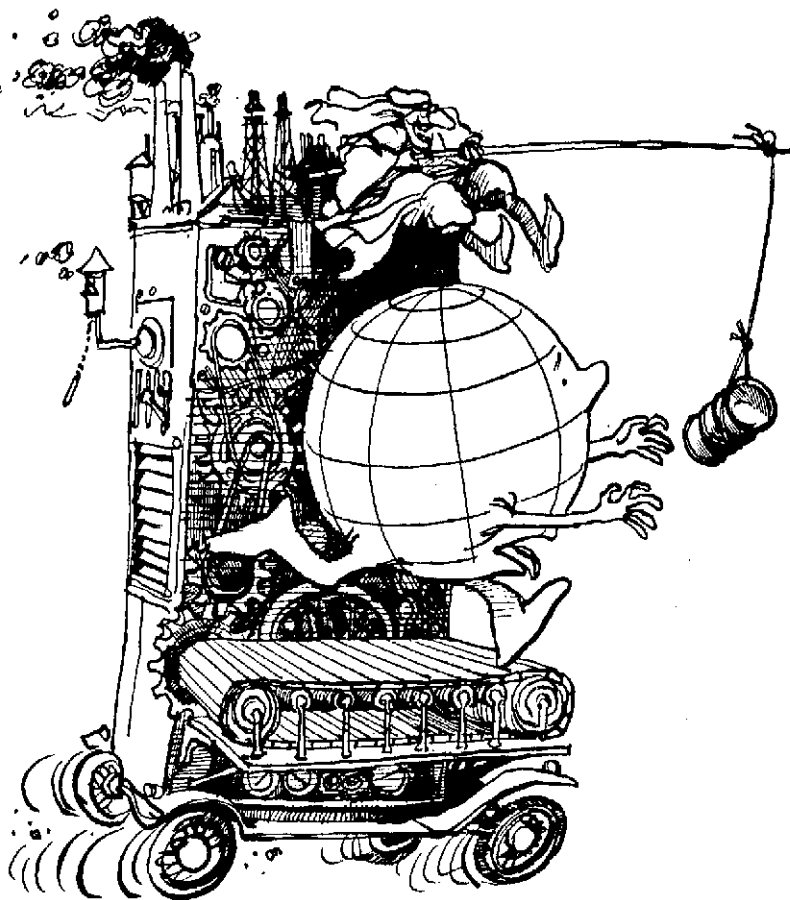
The Department of the Interior, which will administer the program, has established strict procedures to insure protection of the environment.

According to Interior, production of one million barrels a day of shale oil should be attainable by the mid-1980s, with a potential output of several million barrels a day.

Let's hope somebody invents an economical process fast to convert the shale oil into gasoline and heating fuel. Most Americans at this point would be happy to offer cash prizes to inventors, tax concessions to anybody, or whatever you to get the shale oil flowing.

The atmosphere contains only about 1/100,000th of the Earth's total water supply. If the humidity and clouds all condensed into rain, about 3,000 cubic miles of water would fall — still only enough to cover the Earth with no more than about an inch of rainwater.

# Perpetual Motion?



# GLANCING BACKWARDS

## STUDENTS WITH BRIDGE NEED RIVER

— 1 Year Ago —

What comes first, the river or the bridge? With members of Wayne Wiltshire's sixth grade class at Brown school of the St. Joseph district they have a bridge and are looking for a stream to throw it across. Their class in science is studying trusses. First they built a foot-long scale model of a single truss bridge. That was easy.

Then the class enlisted the help of two St. Joseph high school students, Dean Current and Kerry Sernau, who built a 15-foot, nine-inch long bridge out of two by fours, four by fours and three-quarter inch plywood. The bridge was built right in the center of the classroom with members of the

class helping and watching.

## OKAY COLLEGE BY 2-1 MARGIN

— 10 Years Ago —

By a resounding 2-1 margin, a better than expected turnout of Berrienites launched the county Thursday on a community venture into higher education. The vote to set up an all-county two-year college was 10,513 to 5,077. A companion vote enabling a one-mill tax levy for building and operation carried by 9,829 to 5,523.

A turnout of 16,507 residents sized up 32 candidates for trustee positions; the following six led the slate to guide the fledgling setup as an interim board: Beryl Dominy, Atty. Robert Small, Dr. A.F. Bliesmer, Justin J. Condon, Mrs. Emily Foster and Dr. B.C. Radde.

## DRIVE ON KEY NAZI COAL, IRON INDUSTRY

— 29 Years Ago —

The Third Army battered across the Saar River at six places today, burst into Sarreguemines and drove hard down the last six miles to Saarbrücken, burning little Pittsburgh of the Saarland and the whole key to the rich German coal and iron basin.

Patrols crossed the river at a seventh place, at Merzig 16 miles northwest of invested Saarlautern, where Germans still held out in strong knots around concrete advance posts of the Siegfried Line. Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's assault troops fought into the Siegfried line itself at two places beyond the river in the Saarlautern area.

## MOVES TO FLORIDA

— 39 Years Ago —

Charles Renner of the Whitcomb, widely known hotel man, has left for Florida, where he will take over large resort hotel between Palm Beach and Daytona. "Colonel" Renner, as he is known to a host of friends, goes to the south from the new Hotel Whitcomb, where he has been manager under Managing Director Leon J. Harris.

## PILOTS SJ FOOTBALL

— 49 Years Ago —

Carl Nordberg, outstanding backfield man on Coach Henry Howe's 1924 eleven, will pilot the maize and blue in its next football season. Nordberg succeeds Captain Leo West, who played a brilliant game against Benton Harbor.

## NEW CITY HALL

— 59 Years Ago —

If present plans do not miscarry, the first meeting of the city council in 1915 will be held in the new city hall.

## BIG LOAD FOR TRAIN

— 83 Years Ago —

The Vandalia took out the largest run this morning since the railroad began operations, including 15 car-loads of pig iron for South Bend.

# EDITOR'S MAILBAG

## WOULD BE WILLING TO PAY

Editor,  
Once again, upon reading your column, May I say "Amen!"

This time to the authors of the two letters in Sat. Dec. 1 column.

I lost the article, it was small and seemed to be of no consequence, about a small town somewhere in the West, that had made about five small lakes, all pure clean water — boating, fishing, swimming, in some way using the waste, sewage etc. In other words, recycling.

Why not pay for mayors to visit such an area, at our expense if they needed a trip (it might rub off).

I'd be willing to pay some of this myself, plus taxes.

Martha Howey  
P.O. Box 182  
Eau Claire.

## ANOTHER VOTE FOR MICHIGAN

Editor,  
I am a Michigan fan and I don't think OSU should go to the Rose Bowl again! Everyone expected Michigan to go in the event of a tie.

When a team is behind 10 points and they rally to catch up with one of the best teams in the country, I think Bo is right in protesting the decision.

Maybe they could play it over to decide who goes.

David Addison (age 12)  
Stevensville, Mich.

## THANKS JAYCEES FOR 'ROCKETS'

Editor,

We would like to use your newspaper to express our thanks to the Benton Harbor Jaycees for sponsoring the Rocket football program, a new program for the Twin Cities area 8-11 year old boys.

It was a positive program bringing together youth and adults of the larger community.

For the many hours donated by the adult men and the fine example they set for good sportsmanship, we wish to

express our sincere gratitude. Keep up the good work, Jaycees!

Mr. & Mrs. Robert W. Leuty  
786 Pavone  
Benton Harbor

## THREE R'S USED TO BE IMPORTANT

Editor,  
The pros and cons of our government, appearing in this forum for the past month, were very interesting, and split the headline readers from the conscientious reader.

Let each and every person take a good long look in a mirror, then answer this question. What part of this national mess am I responsible for?

Before we went off on the "generation gap" kick, we were taught three "R's" very important to the survival of our country. They were, and still are, Respect, Responsibility and Rights.

There is no longer any respect for each other or our country. Look around you at any parade or sporting event, very, very few salute the flag or stand for the national anthem.

Responsibility has given way to apathy. We now teach, preach and emphasize our rights, but never our responsibilities.

The politicians and the news media have gotten on the pole taking band wagons and are condemning the highest office holder in our country, (the President). Not for what HE did, but an incident created by men who he put in his trust and disregarding the well done side of his ledger. One man alone could not do all our President is charged with.

The professional demonstrators have become a part of our lives, and will protest anything, anywhere, with full confidence they will get free coverage via the news and television media.

Watergate has become a household word, and has taught us just one thing, "just how rotten our political system is". But, not only is the President on trial, but each and every one of us are because it was our apathy and lack of responsibility that allowed it to reach this point.

Just what was stolen in the (See page 43, column 2)

Bruce Blosser



# Threat To Japan Jewish Disgrace

WASHINGTON (NEA) — If he was being quoted correctly, one Jacob Stein, representing a number of American Jewish religious and secular groups, made one of the most disgraceful threats in recent memory when his delegation conferred with Japan's Ambassador Takeshi Yasukawa here.

Japan, already hurt industrially by Arab oil cutbacks and in a steadily worsening position, has moved toward the Arab stance in potential negotiations with Israel. Tokyo indicates there may be further moves in this direction.

In printed reports, the language Stein used upon emerging from the Jewish delegation's Nov. 23 meeting with Yasukawa was paraphrased and roundabout. He is alleged to have said Tokyo's decision might make Americans adopt a new attitude toward buying Japanese products.

What Stein really seemed to be threatening, of course, was the ugly business of a consumer boycott. Obviously, if the call were made, he would expect it to have maximum effect among the millions of U.S. Jews sympathetic to beleaguered Israel.

Should any U.S. Jewish leaders in fact try to organize a boycott of Japanese goods, they would be attempting — on a considerably more limited scale — the same despicable blackmail presently being practiced so recklessly against Western nations and Japan by Saudi Arabia's King Faisal and other oil-rich Arab leaders. Embargo and boycott, stripped bald, are actually devices of war.

Moreover, Stein's reported position is at once shockingly

arrogant and devoid of all compassion for a struggling Japan that has neither energy nor other major resources of its own.

The blunt truth is that if fuel cutbacks from Arab suppliers continue at announced levels, then by next June the Japanese will be receiving less than half their normal energy requirements and their economy could be in collapse.

The Arabs know exactly what they are doing in striking at this island nation. They are seeking to frighten the Western world with the Japanese example.

For they understand that, in that country of 100 million people, the consequence of an energy shortage will be nothing so casual as a ban on Sunday driving or setting the thermostat down to 68 degrees.

The Arabs know they are hitting immediately and directly at Japanese industry — at the making of steel, automobiles, ships — many of the things which have given Japan an astonishing economic livelihood despite its near total lack of resources.

Notwithstanding its status as the world's third-ranking industrial power, Japan's capacity to affect diplomatically the course of the tense Arab-Israeli conflict is close to zero.

Arab leaders grasp this fact, even though Jacob Stein and his grossly misguided, overheated associates seem not to. That is why, when Tokyo made the first of what could be a series of softening gestures toward the Arab world, the latter stonily ignored the concession and indicate the fuel tap would be kept turned down.

Jeffrey Hart



# Oswald's Motives Are No Mystery

It is strange indeed that such confusion persists concerning Lee Harvey Oswald's motives in the Kennedy assassination. That matter has been settled beyond and shadow of a doubt since 1970.

Yet I read in a purportedly authoritative review in the New York Times that no book has ever addressed itself to the question of Oswald's motives. False, completely false. The matter was entirely settled by a book called "The Assassination of John F. Kennedy: The Reasons Why" by Albert H. Newman, a highly reputable journalist and a former editor of The Reporter magazine. His book is a superb example of investigative journalism.

Despite Newman's irrefutable demonstration, we continue to get absurd psychological speculations, like the following by Priscilla McMillan on the anniversary of the shooting: "Oswald it is true lacked a father. . . Yet in spite of the incompleteness of the family circle, Oswald had the oedipal emotions. . . But, unlike most,

he chuse to enact the unresolved part of the drama — violently." Thus, Oswald's oedipus complex killed Kennedy.

Newman demonstrated conclusively in his 1970 book that the assassination, like most assassinations of chiefs of state, was a political crime.

Item: In a search of Oswald's roominghouse, police came up with the following: One hundred and seventy handbills reading "Hands Off Cuba," four pamphlets of the Trotskyite Socialist Workers Party, a brochure for Marxist study, three speeches in pamphlet form by Fidel Castro, 26 pamphlets from the Fair Play for Cuba Committee detailing the "crimes" of the Kennedy Administration against the Cuban people, and several photographs of Castro, one of which — according to Oswald's uncle — stood on Oswald's mantelpiece.

Oswald possessed a Russian made portable radio. Testimony establishes the fact that he used it nightly to listen to propaganda broadcasts from Radio Havana. He subscribed to a number of Communist and Trotskyite journals; he joined the Socialist Workers Party. He tried to visit Cuba.

Oswald was involved moreover, in three assassination incidents. He had attempted to assassinate Gen. Edwin Walker. He had verbally threatened the assassination of former Vice President Richard Nixon. Newman demonstrates, indeed, that after shooting Kennedy and unexpectedly escaping from the book depository building, Oswald was trying to make a second attempt on Walker.

Revealingly, Newman shows that each of these three men had made highly publicized attacks on Castro just before becoming the subject of an Oswald incident. Shortly before the assassination, Kennedy had attacked Castro in a Miami speech.

## NAMED CONDUCTOR

LONDON (AP) — The British Broadcasting Corp. has named German Maestro Rudolf Kempe as principal conductor of the BBC symphony orchestra. Kempe will succeed France's Pierre Boulez in September 1975.

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## BERRY'S WORLD



"May I say, sir, St. Croix has enough troubles without a nut like you going there!"

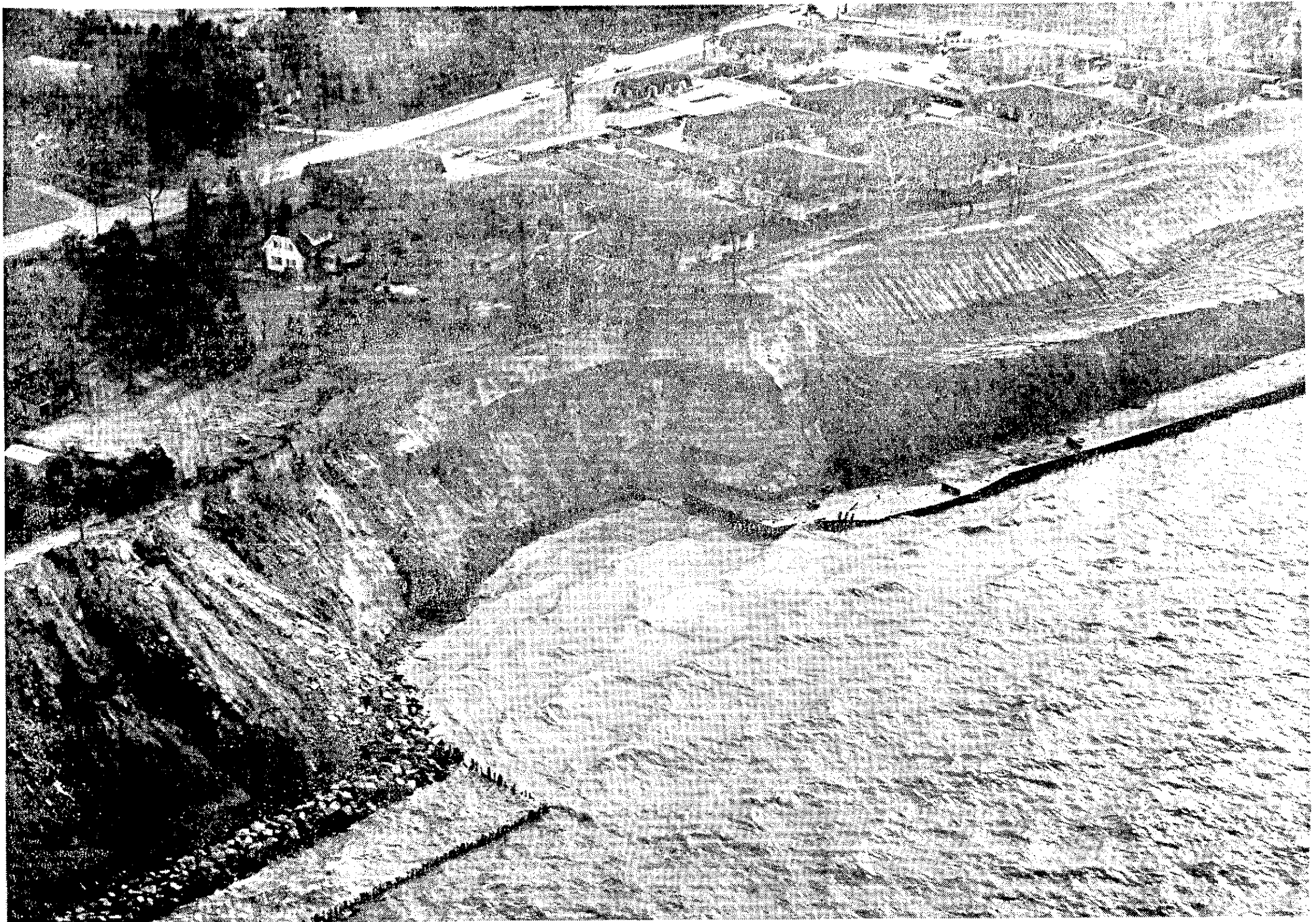
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Twin City  
Highlights

ST. JOSEPH, MICH. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1973



**BIG CAVITY:** Manmade fortifications protect property at sides of photo, but Lake Michigan is

more relentless than ever in attacking the center. Bluffs apartments at right are guarded by wall in-

stalled this year. At left is southern terminus of 5,400-foot seawall built by State Highway depart-

ment from St. Joseph south along Red Arrow highway. (Aerial photo by Adolph Hann)

## Damaged Sewer Line To Be Put Into Service

BY BRANDON BROWN  
Staff Writer

Berrien county board of public works (BPW) officials ended an executive session Wednesday in St. Joseph by announcing they hope to put into service troubled Hickory creek sewer interceptor.

The BPW would put the line into use after it and contractor Yerington & Harris, Inc., of Benton Harbor, sign agreements preserving their rights on a future determination of how to repair or replace a damaged 600-foot section of the 7-mile-long sewer line, according to Chairman Herbert Seeder. The section is reported usable but unacceptable.

"They all want to get it into

operation," said Member Lester Krumrie. "It's a matter of getting it done."

The line would carry sewage from the south suburbs to the City of St. Joseph. Suburban government officials have said they'd like to put the line into use.

Krumrie guesstimated 45 to 60 days, perhaps less, would elapse from the time BPW and contractor agreed to use the line to the time it might be in service.

To that end, Seeder said, BPW members decided in executive session Wednesday in

the courthouse to instruct Engineer Joseph D. Craigmile to instruct the contractor to "get the system into condition such that it can be put into operation" on short notice.

If the contractor fails to put the line in shape, the BPW will have to explore other alternatives. Seeder said there was no discussion on alternatives.

"This is part of the original contract, part of the job he'd (contractor) have to do anyway," Seeder said.

The question of who pays for repair or replacement of 600 feet of sewer line squashed at

Cleveland avenue in St. Joseph township would be resolved while the line is in use, he said.

"No one wants to jeopardize the contract...and I think now we're real close to an agreement, very close," Krumrie said, referring to an agreement with the contractor to put the line in use.

The line must be put in service to obtain the balance of state-federal funds owed the project, Seeder said. The amount is unknown at this time, he added.

Wednesday's executive session followed an open meeting

where Lincoln township—a user of the Hickory line—leaned toward putting the line in use, and where the contractor denied responsibility for the damaged 600 feet and asked for final payment of \$395,889.87.

Y&H won an estimated \$1.5

### Police Hunt Owner Of Bloody Car

State police of the Benton Harbor post-reported they were searching for the owner of a 1972 Chevrolet which was found Wednesday with blood stains in the interior.

Troopers said the car was discovered at 4 a.m. at Fairplain Plaza with the motor running.

A license check on the car showed it was registered to a Gary Brant, 47, according to troopers.

Lt. Carl Hulander, post commander, said investigation is proceeding on a "strong possibility of foul play." He said Brant is described as white, 6 feet 1-inch tall, 205 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes. His last local address was Ogden avenue, and most recently he had been working at Wauconda, Ill., north of Chicago.

### Gobles Youth Asks Hearing

PAW PAW — Steven Smith, 18, route 1, Gobles, demanded preliminary examination in Seventh District court here yesterday on a charge of breaking and entering.

He is charged in connection with a break-in at the Place store in Gobles in November.

million contract to build the line in 1969, walked off the job, returned at an estimated \$661,300 increased price, and reportedly had been paid about \$2.4 million by last August.

The sewer line was completed in September but Craigmile, the BPW's engineer on the job, reported some 600 feet of line by Cleveland avenue was distorted and unacceptable.

Lincoln township board by letter dated Wednesday urged the BPW to put the line into temporary operation "as promptly as possible" if it wouldn't jeopardize grants or the BPW's rights on the 600-foot section.

Orval Benson, St. Joseph township supervisor, said he was "disturbed" by sewer contract language on acceptance and use but added the township attorney's opinion on temporary

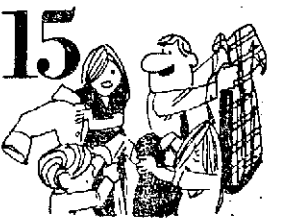
use likely won't be available until Monday.

A Tuesday letter from Grand Rapids Atty. John W. McNeil, counsel for Y&H, denied the firm's responsibility for damage to the 600-foot section and asked "that the County consider either issuing additional bonds or borrowing sufficient funds to pay the balance owing to Yerington & Harris under the Contract, which is approximately \$395,889.87."

Litigation over the 600 foot section is unnecessary, would cause delays, and Y&H would insist on reimbursement for any damages from such delays, the letter added.

Also Wednesday, the BPW: Set Jan. 29 to take construction bids for three divisions of a Lake township water system—a treatment plant, mains, and elevated storage tank.

And named low-bidders Pearson Construction Co. of Benton Harbor and Woodruff & Sons, Inc., of Michigan City, winners of a water treatment plant expansion in St. Joseph. Pearson's bid, after deductions for equipment picked by the BPW, is \$2,889,750. Woodruff's is \$168,181. Both contract awards are contingent on available financing.



SHOPPING DAYS  
TO CHRISTMAS

### H-P GOOD FELLOWS

## Sour Weather--How Sweet It Can Be!

Why is it that just as soon as the weather turns sour so many Herald-Press Good Fellows rush in to sweeten the pot?

As the snow was filtering down there was a record-breaking total of contributions—\$181—the most received on any one day this season—boosting the fund to \$893 to date.

It really isn't hard to figure out the reaction of Good Fellows to snow. There is something about snow on the window sill that reminds many people of the original Good Fellow drive some 40 years ago. In those days of the Great Depression the funds sought were just to put some food on the table and fuel in the cellar to ward off hunger and cold.

The picture has changed. Now there is concern not only for physical welfare but the desire by a great many Good Fellows that no one should have to dread

Christmas because of adversity or misfortune.

So the Good Fellow fund every year soars well over its goal.

It happens sometimes like yesterday's report when an anonymous donor dropped in \$100 from the Thursday Night AA group. We were so concerned with shielding the name of the bearer that we covered up the name of the generous organization.

Today's list of contributors is dotted with Good Fellow regulars. First is \$10 "In memory of Grandma from the 2 K's and 9 M's."

From the Golden Link Lodge comes this heartwarming idea: "we may have to go without gas and heat but lets hope no child goes without Christmas." To make sure there was \$35 included.

Local 793, UAW is a short, and easily recognized name for the organization that represents

production workers at Auto Specialties. They sent in \$25 as solid support for Good Fellows.

The Tiscornia Foundation, founded in 1942 by the late James W. Tiscornia, sends the Good Fellow fund \$100.

Beta Omicron chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority held a Christmas auction and the girls had the fun and the Good Fellows got \$11 which will be used to spread the fun even more.



### N-P Good Fellows

## Dose Of Greenbacks Helps Fund Recover

The News-Palladium Good Fellow fund was taken off the "critical" list today and it looks like it's on the road to a speedy recovery.

However, Dr. San T. Claus said it would still need a lot of those "green" transfusions before it's feeling like it should. The N-P Good Fellow fund was admitted for what officials termed a "sorely needed checkup." Sources indicated it had been acting lackadaisical of late and much of its vim and vigor was gone.

Its backbone—Good Fellow financial backing—had been sagging, it was rumored. But its friends came through

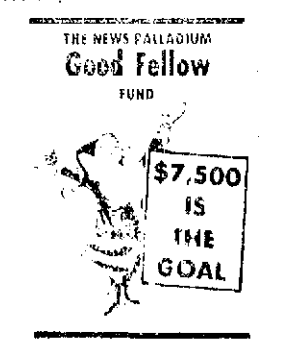
today and a spokesman said the Good Fellow fund was "responding well to the massive dosage of greenbacks it received."

The "dosage" he referred to was \$76 in contributions from hale and hearty Good Fellows. The fund today stands at \$911.21, and N-P Good Fellows are anxiously waiting to see when the fund will surpass the \$1,000 mark.

A long-time Good Fellow and parent emer Mrs. Laurence M. Duncan of Lawrence sent in \$15 today.

Gifts of \$25 were received from Local 793 of the UAW, and a kindly gent who signed him-

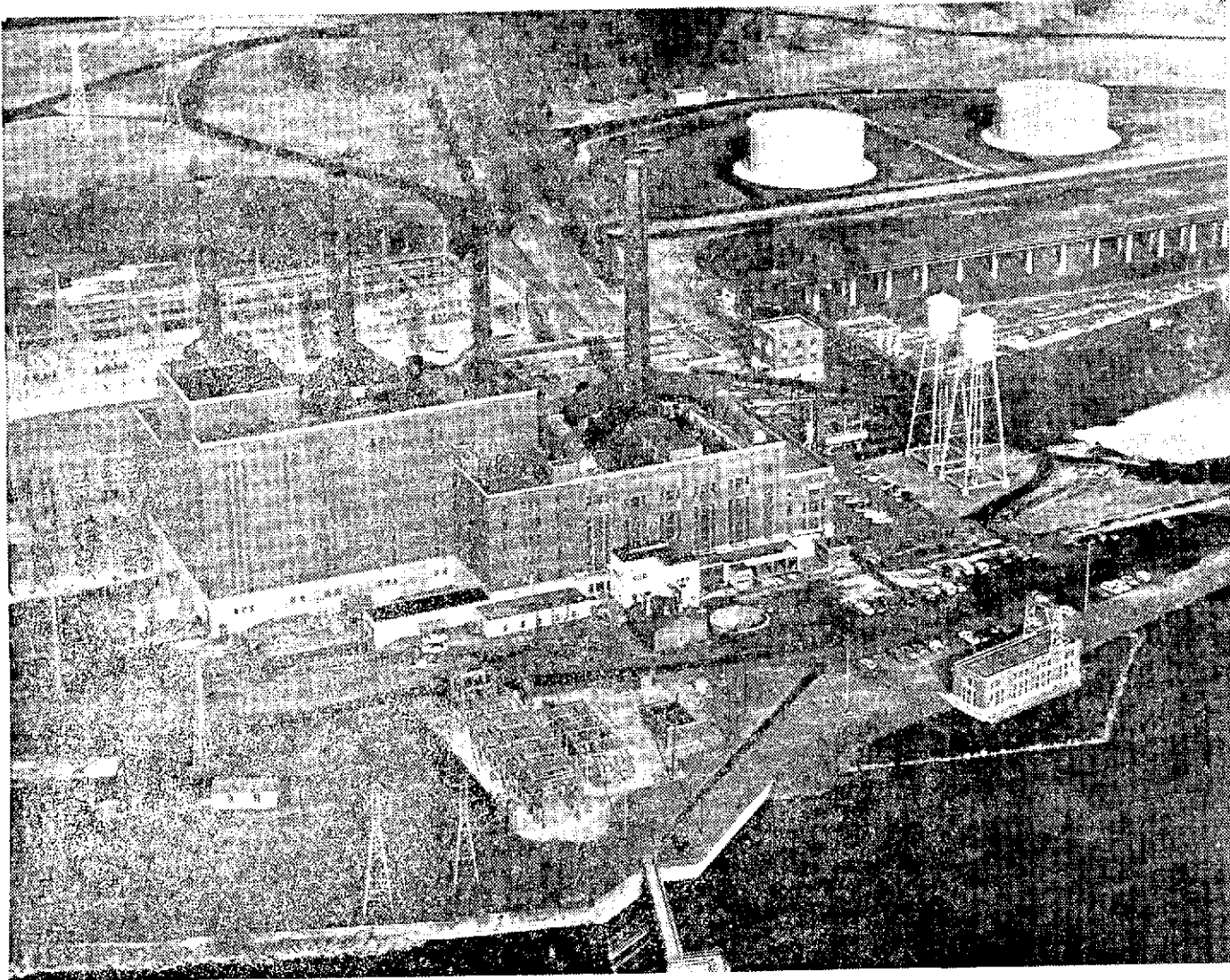
self "The Old Timer." The Beta Omicron chapter of Beta Sigma Phi gave \$11 from a Christmas auction held recently.



**EAGLE SCOUT:** Brian W. Knaak, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Knaak, 1324 Lewis avenue, St. Joseph, has earned an Eagle badge, highest rank in scouting. He is a member of troop 625 sponsored by Saron Lutheran church. A scout for six years, Brian is a St. Joseph high school junior.

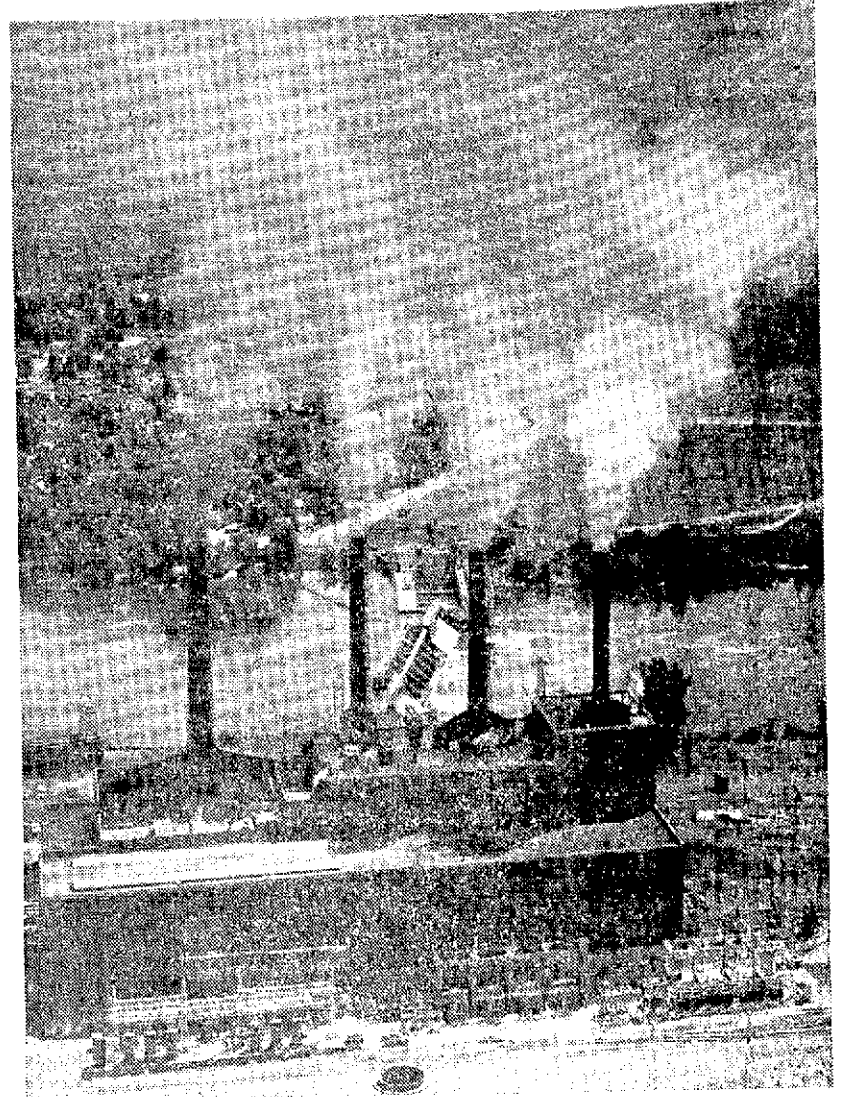


## U.S. Oil Allocation Shuts I.&M. Plant

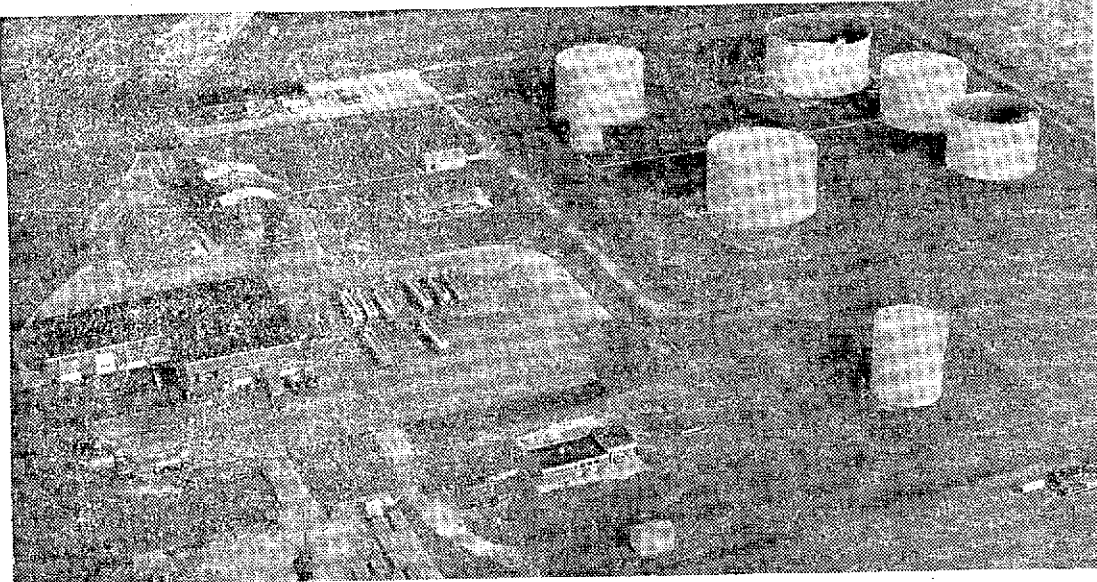


**SMOKELESS BUT POWERLESS:** I & M's Twin Branch plant is not in operation now in effort to conserve fuel oil supplies. Plant changed from coal to oil last June, but new federal regulations allow oil companies to deliver only as much fuel oil as was

delivered in same month in 1972. I & M is trying to get government to make exception for Twin Branch. Power for Benton Harbor and South Bend divisions (including southwestern Michigan) now comes from other plants. (Aerial photos by Adolph Hann)



**COAL BURNING TWIN BRANCH:** This photo shows the Twin Branch plant of Indiana and Michigan Electric Co. as it looked in 1970 when it still used coal as power source. Smoke is gone now, but so is most of power generated by plant, as it was not in operation Tuesday.



**NO OIL FOR TWIN BRANCH:** This Standard Oil Co. terminal in Granger, Ind., had supplied fuel oil to Twin Branch plant via 7½ mile pipeline I & M

built during changeover from coal to oil. Standard now says it can't supply any more oil because of federal regulations.

## Twin Branch Attempting To Save Dwindling Fuel

By SCOTT WILLIAMSON  
Staff Writer

MISHAWAKA, Ind.—Indiana and Michigan Electric Company's Twin Branch plant here was shut down Tuesday in order to conserve, its valuable and dwindling fuel oil supply.

Al Wickizer, administrative assistant for I & M in South Bend, said all power for the southwestern Michigan and South Bend areas is currently coming from other plants.

"We're operating on a conservative schedule, and only when necessary," Wickizer said of the Twin Branch plant.

The Twin Branch plant normally supplies 25 to 30 per cent of power requirements for the Benton Harbor and South Bend divisions, which include most of southwestern Michigan. Wickizer said power is generated at other plants and transferred to the divisions in this area.

The Twin Branch plant last year burned coal, but a changeover to fuel oil equipment, completed last June at a cost of \$3.5 million, was made after environmental regulations required the switch from coal to low sulfur oil.

However, fuel oil supplies were stopped on Nov. 1 by the supplier, the Standard Oil division of Amoco Oil Co., due to a federal fuel allocation program which only allows oil companies to deliver the same volume of fuel as was delivered the corresponding month in 1972.

Since Twin Branch was powered by coal in 1972, its oil allocation is non-existent.

I & M has sent letters to various officials in Washington, requesting the order be rescinded so that Twin Branch can receive oil and continue to supply power.

Wickizer said I & M has not yet heard anything from Washington, and commenting on whether Twin Branch will be able to get oil, he said: "We know as much now as the day Standard Oil cut us off—zero."

Before June, Twin Branch had five units which generated power. Two were converted to oil, one stayed with coal, and officials decided it was not economically feasible to convert the remaining two.

Wickizer said Twin Branch

has been operating the coal-fired unit, which was granted a stay until April 1, 1974. But he said yesterday the plant's generating capacity was shut down completely.

Wickizer noted Twin Branch now has about 5 million gallons of fuel oil on hand, but

how long it can last is not known. Wickizer said it depends on the severity of the winter.

The fuel oil is stored in two five million gallon tanks that were constructed during the changeover, in conjunction with a 7½ mile pipeline between the Amoco Granger terminal and

the plant.

Reflecting on the government's policy which now prohibits Twin Branch from getting fuel oil, Donald C. Cook, I & M president, said: "This development will not help solve the energy crisis. It will only exaggerate it."

## House Approves Refund To Uninsured Motorists

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — The Michigan House, after several days of fiery debate, has approved a bill which would refund half the 1973 uninsured motorist fee to those who didn't purchase car insurance last spring.

The measure, passed in the House by a vote of 63-37, would compensate uninsured motorists who only received six months of driving under the uninsured motorist law before being forced to buy no-fault insurance Oct. 1.

Recipients would get back \$22 of their \$45 fee.

The bill, which now goes to the Senate, survived repeated attempts to weaken it on the House floor, although Appropriations Committee

Chairman William Copeland, D-Wyandotte, indicated he will attempt to win reconsideration of the final vote today.

If everyone who is eligible for refunds applied for them, the Uninsured Motorist Fund would dish out some \$6,750,000 to about 300,000 drivers, said Rep. Matthew McNeely, D-Detroit, the bill's sponsor. The actual return is expected to be far less, he added.

The financial implications of the bill provided the focus for opposition.

The House Fiscal Agency said the fund now contains \$55 million, but estimated that adding the refund payout to payments for insurance claims will put the fund about \$300,000 in debt.

Some opponents argued to delay action—or at least the refund—until the true status of the fund's cash position is determined. Others argued uninsured motorists had paid into the fund from a position of "fiscal irresponsibility" and were not due the return.

Still others contended the state cannot return a proportionate amount of every fee or charge which is only partially used.

But McNeely, arguing the refund was only fair and would restore faith in politicians, said "people expect us not only to be fiscally responsible but to be morally responsible."

Rep. Bobby Crim, D-Davison, House floor leader, said motorists had been delivered only

half a year's driving privilege under the fee, and criticized those who would use it as a source of general fund revenue.

The bill contains a provision permitting motorcyclists to continue paying the \$45 fee in lieu of buying insurance.

But it ends for good the legal coverage of motorists.

Other provisions delete the \$1 fee formerly paid by all motorists, and requires the Department of Commerce to file a report of the fund's status each year.

Meanwhile, a class action court suit is pending in Wayne County Circuit Court, with plaintiffs demanding the \$22.50 refund, plus interest, to all who paid the uninsured motorist fund this year.

### Coloma-Watervliet

## Grower Heads Chamber

WATERVLIET — Mrs. Ione Berry, co-owner of the Midway Florist shop in Watervliet, was elected president last night of the Chamber of Commerce of Coloma, Watervliet and Paw Paw Lake area.

The election came as the Chamber voted to change its name to the Northern Berrien

County Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Berry and her husband, Ben, have operated the florist shop for 14 years. They live in Watervliet.

Other officers elected were Bill Stewart, vice president; and Mrs. Grace Hauch, secretary-treasurer; and board of director members elected were Martha Sifers, William Beverly, Dick

Kwiatkowski and Fred Hamlin.

Outgoing Chamber president, Dale Kreitner, said the change in name was voted to expand the chamber's service area.

The Chamber also went on record endorsing a feasibility study of creating one police department to serve the Coloma-Watervliet area.



MRS. IONE BERRY  
Chamber president



**EARLY BIRD:** One of first Snowy owls observed in Twin Cities area this autumn was photographed atop television antenna of Berrien Automotive Supply company on M-139. White-plumed owl, among largest of species, migrates southward in winter. Picture was taken by Charles Nelson of Sarett Nature center in Benton township.